

## **Prevention for Women without Prenatal Care: Rapid HIV Testing Workshop**

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### **Goal:**

To increase knowledge about voluntary rapid HIV testing in late pregnancy as a crucial opportunity for health care intervention for both mother and infant

### **Objectives:**

- To assist states in extending the benefits of short-course antiretroviral therapy to pregnant women with little or no prenatal care in high HIV prevalence areas
- To provide an overview of the CDC-sponsored Mother-Infant Rapid Intervention at Delivery (MIRIAD) study in 5 US cities
- To invite states to share their expertise with rapid HIV testing in labor
- To discuss availability and performance characteristics of HIV rapid tests
- To discuss potential implementation strategies and the informed consent process

### **Schedule of Speakers and Topics:**

20 min	Development of a statewide standard of care: the New Jersey experience -- Sindy Paul
5 min	Charity Hospital, New Orleans -- Marc Bulterys
10 min	Update on the MIRIAD study -- Marc Bulterys
10 min	Informed consent during labor -- Denise Jamieson
10 min	Rapid HIV test performance -- Carol Fridlund/Bernie Branson
30 min	Discussion / State perspectives -- Group

### **Selected Discussion Points:**

- Informed consent process for voluntary rapid HIV testing among women in labor (or, if not feasible, soon after birth)
- Late registrant mothers presenting after 34 weeks of pregnancy with unknown HIV status
- Targeted or universal HIV retesting in late pregnancy
- Starting antiretroviral (ARV) prophylaxis prior to a confirmatory HIV test result
- Subsequent receipt of ARV treatment and related services for women identified as HIV infected
- The need for a “statewide standard of care”

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